

Code of Ordinances

(Animal Control)

Sec. 10-8. Impoundment – Authorized.

All dogs/cats or other animals found to be in violation of this chapter shall be subject to impoundment by the City of Alma and to this end, all animal control officers shall have the right to go upon private property as is reasonably necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(Code 1969 *4-4, 4-22; Code 1981, * 4-9; Ord, of 1-8-1979, *6)

Sec. 10-17. Number of dogs and Cats Limited.

- a) Permitted # of dogs: No resident of the city may keep more than (2) two dogs upon their residence at any one time provided, however, this section shall not apply to puppies under the age of (3) three months.
- b) Housing Authority Properties: NO dogs shall be permitted to be kept on any property owned buy the housing authority of the City of Alma. This includes dogs inside or outside of any apartment or other residence.
- c) Permitted # of Cats: No resident of the City of Alma may keep more than (2) two cats upon their residence at any one time provided, however, this section shall not apply to kittens under the age of (3) three months.

(Code 1981*4-18; Ord. of 6-12-1972, * 2; Ord of 1-8-1979, * 15; Ord. No. 1996-1, 2-20-1996; Ord. of 7-10-2006; Ord. No. 2008-19, 7-10-2006)

Sec. 10-18. Nuisances – Generally: Dogs at Large.

- a) The owner or keeper of each dog/cat or other domestic pet within the City of Alma shall be responsible for keeping it from becoming a nuisance or from endangering or injuring any other person or property and to that end each dog shall at all times...
 - 1. Be kept in an enclosed structure from which it cannot escape.
 - 2. Must be tied on the owner's property to where it cannot reach the property of any adjoining owner or any public right-of-way.
 - 3. When animal is allowed off property of the owner, it must be accompanied by the owner or other responsible person and be restrained on a leash held by such owner or other person; or

4. Be kept within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper.

b) Housing Authority Properties: No animal, domestic or otherwise, shall be kept by anyone on any property owned by the City Housing Authority. The keeping of any domestic or other animal on any property of Housing Authority shall be deemed a nuisance.

(Code 1981, * 4-19; Ord. of 1-8-1979, * 3; Ord. No. 1996-1, 2-20-1996)

Sec. 10-19. Nuisances Examples.

It shall be unlawful for any owner to fail to exercise proper care and control of such person's animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, continuous, or untimely barking, molesting passerby, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds, or trespassing upon private property in such a manner as to damage property, shall be deemed a nuisance.

Sec. 10-20. Vaccination; Tags.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat or any other animal to which is kept as a pet, to keep or maintain such animal within the City unless it shall have been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian with anti-rabies vaccine, within (1) one year preceding the date on which such domestic or domesticated animal is kept or maintained. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or keep any such animal on any premises within the City unless such animal wears a collar or harness securely attached to its body to which shall be securely attached tag issued for such animal by a licensed veterinarian. That clearly shows that the animal has been within the preceding (12) months, vaccinated against rabies.

(Code 1969, * 4-21; Code 1981, *4-21; Ord. of 1-8-1979 * 2)

Sec. 10-24. Animal Quarters.

All animals and animal quarters are kept in a clean and sanitary condition and so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors.

(Code 1981, * 4-25; Ord. of 7-10-2006; No. 2008-19, 7-10-2006)